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CUTLINE FOR PHOTO OF MAN ON HANDS AND KNEES--#28

FINDING FOSSILS-- University of Montana senior Larry French climbs over rough southwestern Montana terrain in search of 40 million-year-old mammalian fossils for his UM honors research project. French, who is majoring in geology, searched for fossils at the Easter Lily Mine Section site near Whitehall and found several jawbones of prehistoric horses, dog-like animals, and teeth of rodents and other mammals. Many fossils are found near the surface in the area, which used to be ancient streambeds.

(photo by Mary Ellen French.)

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CUTLINE FOR PHOTO OF FOSSIL JAW AND RULER -- #12

EARLY MONTANA HORSE JAWBONE-- The jawbone of a horse known as Meshippus, which lived 30 to 40 million years ago in southwestern Montana was found by UM geology senior Larry French this summer. French prospected the fossil from a site near Whitehall this summer as part of his research for a \$1,000 UM Watkins Senior Honors Scholarship. The jaw, less than six inches long, is unusually complete, missing only one incisor tooth which the adult horse lost while still living. (photo by Larry French.)

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